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FOR CONSUL GENERAL BROGAN

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SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF PAUL KNOOP

1. ON THE OCCASION OF MR. PAUL KNOOP'S RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN 28 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND VALUABLE SERVICE AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN HAMBURG, THE DEPARTMENT AND THOSE MANY FSO'S THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO HAVE WORKED WITH HIM WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR HIS ASSISTANCE, WISEADVICE AND UNFLAGGING GOOD HUMOR.

2. MR. KNOOP HAS SERVED AS AN ADVISOR AND TEACHER FOR THE CONSULS GENERAL WHO SERVED IN HAMBURG AND FOR THE

THREE GENERATIONS OF YOUNG FSO'S WHO BEGAN THEIR CAREERS THERE. ALL OF THEM REMEMBER HIM WITH FONDNESS AND APPRECIATION. THROUGHOUT HIS LONG YEARS AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL, HE HAS PROVIDED CONTINUITY AND INSIGHT TO THE EFFORTS OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN THIS, HE HAS SERVED BOTH THE US AND HIS NATIVE LAND WELL.

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3. ALTHOUGH MR. KNOOP WILL UNFORTUNATELY NO LONGER BE
ACTIVE IN THE HAMBURG CONSULATE, HIS COUNSEL WILL CONTINUE

TO BE FELT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME THROUGH THE OFFICERS WHO
HAVE WORKED WITH HIM. THE AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE AND
GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL WILL PROFIT
CONSIDERABLY FROM THIS RESERVOIR OF UNDERSTANDING IMPARTED
BY PAUL KNOOP TO THOSE MANY OFFICERS WHOM HE HELPED START
THEIR CAREERS. WE SHALL MISS HIM GREATLY, FOR HE IS A
FRIEND AND A COLLEAGUE WHOSE WARMTH AND WISDOM HAVE
MEANT SO MUCH TO US.

4. WE HOPE THAT PAUL KNOOP'S RETIREMENT DOES NOT MEAN
THAT HE IS SAYING GOOD-BYE TO HIS MANY FRIENDS, BUT
THAT THERE WILL BE MANY CHANCES FOR A "WIEDERSEHEN" IN
THE YEARS TO COME. KISSINGER

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